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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: GRANT SOLICITATION FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND (GGRF) INVESTMENTS
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-17 FINANCING ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER-
INCOME CONSUMERS (FINANCING ASSISTANCE PILOT PROJECT)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) is pleased to announce its grant solicitation for an administrator to implement the Financing Assistance Pilot Project for FY 2016-17. This is one of a suite of CARB funded pilot projects that, together with committed partners, are employing innovative solutions to bring the benefits of clean transportation to lower-income and disadvantaged communities that are most impacted by pollution.

The current funding available for FY 2016-17 is \$6 million, with a funding split of up to \$5 million for a Statewide project and up to \$1 million for local projects. The Statewide project is a project that is at least regional or multi-regional in size to begin and by design has plans to expand throughout California. The Statewide project is available to lower-income consumers with an emphasis to outreach to lower-income consumers in disadvantaged communities. The local project(s) can be a region of the state, air basin, or county. The local project primarily benefits or serves a specific disadvantaged community but is open to lower-income consumers.

This pilot project is funded by the Low Carbon Transportation program and is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment—particularly in lower-income and disadvantaged communities.

This solicitation is open to federal, state or local government entities or agencies, and California nonprofit organizations with expertise in the implementation of financing programs, grant programs, and general knowledge of CARB's clean vehicle programs. Applications are due to CARB by 5:00 p.m. (PST), Thursday, July 6, 2017. The grant solicitation and all associated documents can be found on CARB's webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm>.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

CARB will hold an Applicant Teleconference to answer questions regarding this grant solicitation on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Please submit questions to laura.zschmidt@arb.ca.gov by 5:00 p.m. (PST), Friday, June 9, 2017. The Applicant Teleconference will provide an opportunity for potential applicants to ask clarifying questions regarding general application requirements.

Please see details for Applicant Teleconference below:

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (PST)
*Call-In Number: 1-888-995-9567
*Passcode: 6300143

The questions and answers from the Applicant Teleconference and any questions received via email will be posted on the CARB webpage at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm. CARB will not respond to questions regarding this solicitation after the Applicant Teleconference has taken place.

The grant solicitation and all associated documents may be found on CARB's webpage at: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm.

For more information on CARB's clean transportation incentive projects, please visit the Moving California webpage at: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/lct/movingca.htm.

For more information about the Financing Assistance Pilot Project, please visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/ldv_pilots.htm.

For more information about Low Carbon Transportation Investments and Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), please visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm.

For more information about the FY 2017-18 Funding Plan for the Low Carbon Transportation GGRF Investments and AQIP, please go to: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/fundplan/fundplan.htm.

The Financing Assistance Pilot Project is intended to encourage and accelerate the adoption of zero-emission and near zero-emission, on-road light-duty vehicles in lower-income households. The higher cost of advanced technology clean vehicles can be a significant barrier to vehicle ownership for many lower-income consumers. The goal for this project is to help improve access to affordable financing mechanisms, including a vehicle price buy-down coupled with a low interest loan to qualified lower-income consumers to purchase advanced technology clean vehicles.

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For questions regarding the Financing Assistance Pilot Project or the Applicant Teleconferences, please contact Ms. Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Air Resources Engineer, at (626) 459-4394 or by email at laura.zschmidt@arb.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

/s/

Jack Kitowski, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachments (3)

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